A-6802 (a) & (b) Variance Request

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- b)Install a wrought iron fence measuring forty-two (42) inches in height located twenty-one (21) inches from the edge of the paved surface of the alley that abuts the property to the south. The proposed fence would be twenty-one feet, eight inches (21'-8") in length located between the house and a proposed fence located along the west property line (see (a) above).

Mr. William John Bray III & Ms. Sydney Bray
104 Oxford Street

CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE BOARD OF MANAGERS SEPTEMBER 14, 2015 MEETING

STAFF INFORMATION REPORT

TO:

BOARD OF MANAGERS

FROM:

ELLEN SANDS, PERMITTING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR

DATE:

9/10/2015

SUBJECT:

HEARING OF CASE NO. A-6802 (A) & (B) VARIANCE REQUEST

MR. WILLIAM JOHN BRAY III AND MS. SYDNEY BRAY; 104 OXFORD STREET

- A) EXTEND AN EXISTING WROUGHT IRON FENCE MEASURING FORTY-TWO (42) INCHES IN HEIGHT LOCATED ALONG THE WEST PROPERTY LINE THAT WOULD BE THREE (3) INCHES FROM THE PUBLIC SIDEWALK LOCATED IN THE SUMMERFIELD ROAD PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY. THE PROPOSED FENCE WOULD EXTEND FROM THE EXISTING WROUGHT IRON FENCE ON THE WEST PROPERTY LINE SOUTHWARD AND TERMINATE TWENTY-ONE (21) INCHES FROM THE EDGE OF THE PAVED SURFACE OF THE ALLEY THAT ABUTS THE PROPERTY TO THE SOUTH; AND
- B) INSTALL A WROUGHT IRON FENCE MEASURING FORTY-TWO (42) INCHES IN HEIGHT LOCATED TWENTY-ONE (21) INCHES FROM THE EDGE OF THE PAVED SURFACE OF THE ALLEY THAT ABUTS THE PROPERTY TO THE SOUTH. THE PROPOSED FENCE WOULD BE TWENTY-ONE FEET, EIGHT INCHES (21'-8") IN LENGTH LOCATED BETWEEN THE HOUSE AND A PROPOSED FENCE LOCATED ALONG THE WEST PROPERTY LINE (SEE (A) ABOVE).

NOTICE REQUIREMENTS: Abutting Owners; Public Notice

APPLICABLE CHEVY CHASE BUILDING REGULATION:

The Chevy Chase Village Code Sec. 8-21 (a) states:

No person shall install any tree trunk, hedge, shrubbery, fence, wall, lamp post or hand rail on private property within three (3) feet of a public sidewalk, or if there is no public sidewalk in the public right-of-way abutting the private property, within six (6) feet of the curb, or if there is no public sidewalk and no curb, within six (6) feet of the nearest edge of the street or alley.

APPLICABLE COVENANTS:

Not applicable; verification of compliance with the property's covenants is not required for variance requests authorized by Sections 8-21 [fences], 8-26 [driveways] or Chapter 25 [Public Rights-of-Way] of the Village Code.

FACTUAL AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Property is located on the northeast corner of Oxford Street and Summerfield Road. Both fence sections are located in the Summerfield Road (front) yard. The height is compliant; it is the proximity to the sidewalk and alley which require the variance.

As part of an earlier renovation and a second floor addition at the property, the Applicants removed the driveway at the property. The proposed fencing would extend across the width of where the former driveway was located and alongside the alley that abuts the south property line.

The Applicants obtained a permit to replace a fence located alongside the Oxford Street and Summerfield Road property lines pursuant to Sec. 8-21(f), however since there had not previously been fencing at the driveway or alongside the alley, a variance is required due to the proposed proximity to the sidewalk and alley.



Figure 1: Looking toward the northeast from Summerfield Road and across the alley. The proposed fencing would extend from the wrought iron fence at the left in the photo to the corner post next to the rock, then turn toward the east and extend alongside the alley toward the house.



Figure 2: Looking west down the alley toward Summerfield Road.

The fence posts (visible in Figure 1 above) were installed during replacement of the existing fence, but prior to the issuance of the Building Permit for the proposed fence. When the violation was brought by Village staff to the attention of the contractor and resident, work on that portion of the fence was stopped.

The southeast corner of the house is located eleven (11) inches from the alley and angles to the northwest.

To date no letters have been received either in support of or opposition to the request.

Applicable Fees: Building Permit Application: \$30; Variance Application Fee: \$300. Total: \$330.00

RELEVANT PRIOR CASES (A) [PROXIMITY OF A FENCE LOCATED ON PRIVATE PROPERTY TO THE PUBLIC SIDEWALK]

The provision regulating distance of a fence on private property from the public sidewalk was enacted in 2008; prior to that no minimum setback was specified in the Code and since that time no appeal requests for a variance from that regulation have come before the Board.

The setback for fences located in the public right-of-way is the same as for those on private property. Recent cases have included:

In April 2011 Dr. and Mrs. Larry Heilman were **granted** a Special Permit to **replace** a six (6) foot stockade fence that was located twenty-one (21) inches from the Cedar Parkway sidewalk. In June of 2015 Mr. & Ms. Thomas Dann were **granted** a Special Permit to **install** two fence panels located two (2) feet from the West Kirke Street public sidewalk. Both of these cases concerned proximity of a fence located in the public right-of-way to the sidewalk.

RELEVANT PRIOR CASES (B) [PROXIMITY OF A FENCE LOCATED ON PRIVATE PROPERTY TO THE EDGE OF A PAVED ALLEY]

In September 2014 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Hoffman were **granted** a variance to **install** a solid board wood fence measuring six and one-half (6 ½) feet in height and located twelve (12) inches from the alley abutting their property to the southwest.

FINDINGS REQUIRED:

- 1. The proposed variance is required because special conditions exist whereby the enforcement of the requirements of [the Village Building Code] would result in an unwarranted hardship and injustice to the owner;
- 2. The proposed variance will most nearly accomplish the intent and purpose of the requirements of the Village Building Code; and
- 3. Except for variances from the requirements of Sections 8-21 [fences], 8-26 [driveways] or Chapter 25 [public rights-of-way] of the Village Regulations, the structure authorized by the proposed variance would not violate any covenant applicable to the property [thus not applicable in this case].

Draft Motion

I move to APPROVE/DENY the variance request in Case A-6802 (a) on the basis that the evidence presented, including the Staff Report and Case Synopsis, demonstrates that the applicable requirements for approval of the variance HAVE/HAVE NOT been met. Staff is directed to draft a decision based on this evidence, including findings of fact and conclusions, APPROVING/DENYING the variance request.

I move to APPROVE/DENY the variance request in Case A-6802 (b) on the basis that the evidence presented, including the Staff Report and Case Synopsis, demonstrates that the applicable requirements for approval of the variance HAVE/HAVE NOT been met. Staff is directed to draft a decision based on this evidence, including findings of fact and conclusions, APPROVING/DENYING the variance request.

CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please take notice that the Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers will hold a public hearing on the 14th day of September, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. The hearing will be held at the Chevy Chase Village Hall at 5906 Connecticut Avenue in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

APPEAL NUMBER A-6802 (A) & (B) MR. WILLIAM JOHN BRAY III & MS. SYDNEY BRAY 104 OXFORD STREET CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND 20815

The applicants seek a variance from the Board of Managers pursuant to Section 8-9 of the Chevy Chase Village Building Code to:

- a) Extend an existing wrought iron fence measuring forty-two (42) inches in height located along the west property line that would be three (3) inches from the public sidewalk located in the Summerfield Road public right-of-way. The proposed fence would extend from the existing wrought iron fence on the west property line southward and terminate twenty-one (21) inches from the edge of the paved surface of the alley that abuts the property to the south; and
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The Chevy Chase Village Code Sec. 8-21 (a) states:

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Additional information regarding this appeal may be obtained at the Chevy Chase Village Office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, may be viewed on the Village website at www.chevychasevillagemd.gov or you may contact the office for this information to be mailed to you.

This notice was mailed (and emailed where possible) and to abutting and confronting property owners on the 31st day of August, 2015.

Chevy Chase Village Office 5906 Connecticut Avenue Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815 301-654-7300



August 31, 2015

Mr. & Mrs. William John Bray, III 104 Oxford Street Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Bray:

Please note that your request for a variance to install fencing at your property is scheduled before the Board of Managers on Monday, September 14, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Either you or another representative must be in attendance to present your case. At that time, additional documents may be introduced and testimony can be provided in support of the request.

For your convenience, enclosed please find copies of the Public Hearing Notice and mailing list. Please contact the Village office in advance if you are unable to attend.

Sincerely,

Ellen Sands

Permitting and Code Enforcement

Chevy Chase Village

Enclosures

Mailing List for Appeal A-6802 (a) & (b)

MR. & MRS. WILLIAM JOHN BRAY III 104 OXFORD STREET CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Yahuda	Ms. Elizabeth Lauck &	
Or Current Resident	Mr. Joel Vengrin	
109 Oxford Street	Or Current Resident	
Chevy Chase, MD 20815	111 Oxford Street	
	Chevy Chase, MD 20815	
Mr. Burt L. Schorr	Mr. Joseph A. Hawley	
Or Current Resident	Or Current Resident	
113 Oxford Street	115 Oxford Street	
Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Chevy Chase, MD 20815	
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Leuba	Ms. Shelley Poticha &	
Or Current Resident	Mr. Paul Batlan	
102 Oxford Street Or Current Resident		
Chevy Chase, MD 20815	106 Oxford Street	
	Chevy Chase, MD 20815	
Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Pagliaro	Mr. & Mrs. Richard T. Farrell	
Or Current Resident	Or Current Resident	
102 Summerfield Road	103 Summerfield Road	
Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Chevy Chase, MD 20815	
Mr. & Mrs. Gerry Kolosvary	Ms. Natalie Salazar &	
Or Current Resident	Dr. Rodrigo Suescon, Ph.D.	
104 Summerfield Road	Or Current Resident	
Chevy Chase, MD 20815	105 Summerfield Road	
	Chevy Chase, MD 20815	
Ms. Maureen Delaney &	Ms. Juliet Drake &	
Mr. William F. Ryan	Mr. William McClure	
Or Current Resident Or Current Resident		
107 Summerfield Road 109 Summerfield Road		
Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Chevy Chase, MD 20815	
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Reich	Mr. & Mrs. Gerard Martin	
Or Current Resident	Or Current Resident	
200 Primrose Street	202 Primrose Street	
Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Chevy Chase, MD 20815	

Mr. & Mrs. Alla Bakhtin	
Or Current Resident	7
204 Primrose Street	
Chevy Chase, MD 20815	

I hereby certify that a public notice was mailed to the aforementioned property owners on the 31st day of August 2015.

Ellen Sands
Permitting and Code Enforcement Coordinator
Chevy Chase Village
5906 Connecticut Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD 20815



Chevy Chase Village

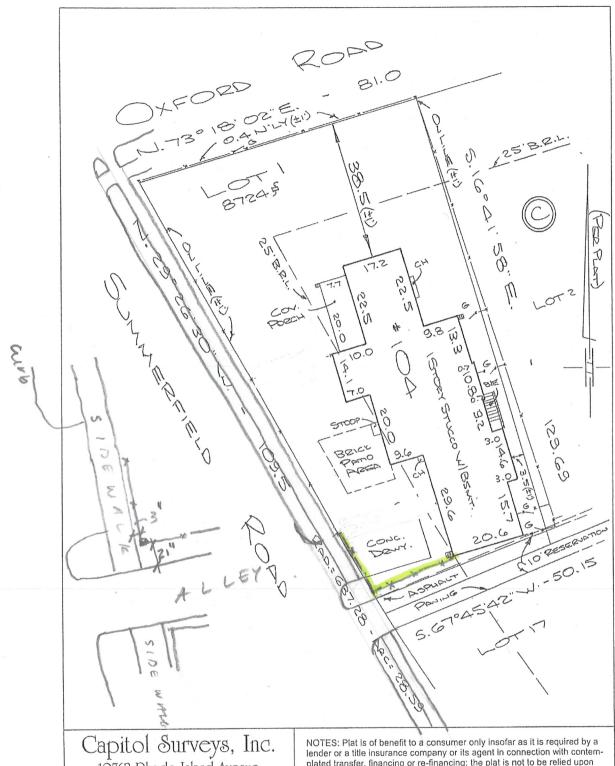
Application for a Variance

A variance is permission granted by the Board of Managers pursuant to, and subject to, the conditions of Sec. 8-9(c) of Chapter 8 to construct, install, remove or alter a structure or planting, or take any other action that does not otherwise meet the requirements of the Chapter. Except as provided in Sec. 8-11 a variance can be granted only by the Board of Managers.

Subject Property: 104 Oxford Street Chery Chase MD 20815					
Describe the Proposed Project:					
3	'6" Wrought Ton Company Harding				
3'6" Wrought Iran force where the drive way used to be					
Applicant Name(s) (List all property owners): Sydney & William Bray					
Daytime telephone: (301) 593 - 1730 Cell: (646) 337 - 8337					
E-ma	il: Sydney. wd @ gmail. com				
Addr	ess (if different from property address):				
For V	illage staff use:				
Date	this form received: 61315 Variance No: A - 6802				
	Filing Requirements:				
Ap	plications will be reviewed for satisfaction of all requirements and are not considered complete until				
_	approved as such by staff.				
_	Completed Chevy Chase Village Application for a Variance (this form)				
_	Completed Chevy Chase Village Building Permit Application				
	Completed Chevy Chase Village Website Posting Notice				
	A boundary survey or plat diagram with a margin of error of one tenth of a foot or less showing all existing structures, projections and impervious surfaces.				
0	Surveys, plats, engineering reports, construction plans/specifications or other accurate drawings showing boundaries, dimensions, and area of the property, as well as the location and dimensions of all structures/fences/walls/etc., existing and proposed to be erected, and the distances of such structures/fences/walls/etc., from the nearest property lines. These drawings shall incorporate and display reference dimensions from the boundary survey or plat diagram required above.				
	Copy of Covenants applicable to the property except for variances from Secs. 8-21 or 8-26 of Chapter 8				
	(Building Regulations) or Chapter 25 (Public Rights-of-Way) of the Chevy Chase Village Code. Variance fee (See fee schedule listed in Chapter 6 of the Village Code).				
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signed at the s and/or this va	Affidavit by certify that I have the authority to submit the foregoing application, that all owners of the property have below, that I have read and understand all requirements and that I or an authorized representative will appear scheduled public hearing in this matter. I hereby authorize the Village Manager, or the Manager's designee, the Board of Managers to enter onto the subject property for the purposes of assessing the site in relation to riance request. I hereby declare and affirm, under penalty of perjury, that all matters and facts set forth in the ing application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.				
Applic	cant's Signature: Date: 6/7/15 Date: 7/28/13				

Describe the basis for the variance request (Applicants should become familiar with the pertinent sections of the Village Code. Attach additional pages as needed):

Describe the special conditions of the property (e.g., odd shape, small size, sloping topography, abuts state highway, etc.) and how the property compares to other properties in the Village: The house is a corner house that is next to 15" Welstudlingsue to the allen. sidewalk and aliqued with my tence. My tence would be Describe how enforcement of the building regulations would result in an unwarranted hardship and injustice aliquing because of the special condition(s) described above (i.e., describe (i) the unwarranted hardship and injustice that an exist you claim exists and (ii) how the special conditions cause that unwarranted hardship and injustice): fence extend erre when my neighbor nouse itself. Describe how the proposed variance most nearly accomplishes the intent and purpose of the requirements of Chapter 8 of the Chevy Chase Village Code, entitled Buildings and Building Regulations: This would not affect the neighbors use of the Drasorts or the use of the allen nor would it In exercising its powers in connection with a variance request, the Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers may reverse or affirm, wholly or partly, or may modify the requirement, decision or determination as it deems appropriate. **Chevy Chase Village** Checks Pavable To: Variance 5906 Connecticut Ave. Filing Fee Per Village Code Sec. 6-2(a)(24): Chevy Chase, MD 20815 \$300.00 for new construction. \$150.00 for replacing existing non-Date Paid: \$300.00 for fences, walls, play Staff Signature equipment, trees, hedges, shrubbery in the public right-of-way. Other: \$ Fee Paid: Approved to Issue Building Permit per Board Decision Executed by the Board Secretary: Date: Signature: Village Manager



10762 Rhode Island Avenue Beltsville, Maryland 20705 Phone 301-931-1350 Fax 301-931-1352 NOTES: Plat is of benefit to a consumer only insofar as it is required by a lender or a title insurance company or its agent in connection with contemplated transfer, financing or re-financing; the plat is not to be relied upon for the establishment or location of fences, garages, buildings, or other existing or future improvements; and the plat does not provide for the accurate identification of property boundary lines, but such identification may not be required for the transfer of title and securing financing or refinancing.

LOCATION DRAWING LOT 1 BLOCK C SECTION NO.7

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Recorded in Plat Book 3 Plat 259 Scale 1' = 20'

CASE: 00030938 | FILE: 96996

DATE: NARCH 1, 2013

I hereby certify this location drawing was prepared in accordance with the minimum standards of practice for the State of Maryland and is correct to the best of my belief of what can be visually and accessibly observed.

Edward L. Lopez, Jr. Maryland Property Line Surveyor No. 522 License Current Through February 13, 2015

Chevy Chase Village

Building Permit Application

for Fences & Walls

or Fences & Walls	Permit No: A-6802
Property Address:	
104 Oxford St Chery Chase Resident Name: Sydney Bray	MID 20813
Daytime telephone: 646 337 - 8337 Cell phone:	
Daytime telephone: 646 337 - 8337 Cell phone: After-hours telephone:	
E-mail: Sydney. wd @gmail. com	
Primary Contact for Project:	
Resident Architect Project Manager	Contractor*
*MHIC/MD Contractor's License No. (required):	
Primary Contact Information:	
Name: Sydney Bray	
Name: Sydney Bray Daytime telephone: 646-337-833After-hours telephone:	
E-mail: Sydney. wd @ smail - com	
Description of Fence or Wall Project:	
Wrought Iron Tence at th	e height of 3'6"
Check appropriate box:	
Fence or wall to be constructed is: (1) new, (2) an enlargement of an existing fence or wall with one of a different kind.	isting fence or wall, or (3) replacing an
☐ Fence or wall to be constructed is replacing an existing fence or wall will location.	th the same kind and in the same
Parking Compliance:	
Is adequate on-site parking available for the construction crews?	≥ Yes □ No
If no, please attach a parking plan which minimizes inconvenience to neight property is in a permit parking area.	hboring residents, and indicate if the
Will road closings be required due to deliveries, equipment or other reason	ns? □ Yes ∠No
To be completed by Village staff:	
Is this property within the historic district? Yes \(\square\)	No X Staff Initials:
Date application filed with Village: Date permit issued:	Expiration date:

Guidelines for Building, Replacing and Maintaining Fences and Walls

Sec. 8-21 of the Village Code regulates fences and walls. To repair or maintain an existing fence or wall, the Village does not require a building permit. To install or replace a fence or wall, however, residents will need a Village building permit. (A building permit may also be required from Montgomery County, including the Historic Preservation Commission, if the property is within the Historic District). Village Code allows fences and walls to be installed on a resident's property lines, inside the property lines on private property, and sometimes in the public right-of-way.

When placed on the property lines or on private property, the Village Code regulates fence and wall heights in two ways:

- 1. Fences and walls installed on private property anywhere between the property line and the front building restriction line may not exceed four (4) feet in height.
- 2. Fences and walls installed to the rear of the front building restriction line (that is, along the side and rear property lines or in the side and rear yards) may not exceed six and one-half (6 ½) feet in height.

When measuring the height of a fence or wall, the Village Code provides that the "measurement shall be made from the surface of the ground of the lower yard next to the fence or wall" to the highest point of the fence or wall (such as the top of the posts, caps, decorative lattice, finials, etc.). For example, if a fence post is 6 ½ feet high, then a cap on that post would exceed the height limit.

Walls can sometimes change the flow of water on a property. In such cases, residents or contractors will need to include a drainage plan with the building application.

When installing a fence or wall in the Village's public right-of-way, in addition to obtaining a Village Building Permit, residents must sign a **License to Use the Public Right-of-Way**, which may be recorded with your deed (please contact the Village office for more information). Fences and walls installed in the Village's rights-of-way may not exceed four (4) feet in height.

Fences and walls must be installed at least three (3) feet from the public sidewalk, or where there is no sidewalk, at least six (6) feet from the curb or nearest edge of the street or alley.

Special height limits apply to fences near an intersection on corner lots. The Village office will not be issue permits for any fences or walls that block necessary sight lines at intersections or otherwise create a dangerous condition.

For complete Village Code requirements, please see Chapters 8 & 25.

Building Permit Application for Fences and/or Walls: Filing Requirements

Application will not be reviewed until the application is complete

Copy of stamped drawings approved by Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (DPS) and the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), if required. Every page of drawings must be clearly stamped				
This application form, signed by resident.				
Boundary Survey				
Site Plan (see: Village Site Plan Checklist to ensure completeness)				
Building plans and specifications				
Tree Preservation Plan requested of Village arborist (see: Village Tree Inspection Request form). All required tree protections must be fully installed before any work begins.				
Filing Fee (due at time of application).				
Damage deposit or performance bond (due when permit is issued). Amount will be set by Village Manager				
the this permit application is complete, the Village Manager will review the application and accompanying numents and, under most circumstances, act on the application within 5 to 10 working days. The Montgomery County permit is suspended, revoked or lapsed, the Village permit is automatically pended, revoked or lapsed.				
signs advertising any service provider may be posted on the work site.				
I hereby certify that I have the authority to make the foregoing application, that the application is correct, that I have read and understood all requirements and that the construction will conform to the regulations of the Montgomery County Zoning Code, the Village Code including Urban Forest code, and any covenants and easements on the subject property. Applicant's Signature: July W. B. Date: 6/7/15				

For Use By Village Manager	Application approved with the following conditions:		
For Use By Village Manager	Application denied for the following reasons:		
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JUL 2 8 2015	Fonce does not comply with		
Chevy Chase Village Manager	Sethecks for Orblic Sidewalk		
	of alleys.		
Filing Fees (due when application submitted)	Checks Payable to: Chevy Chase Village		
Permit Application Fee:	5906 Connecticut Ave. Chevy Chase, MD 20815		
\$30.00 (if fence or wall is new, enlarged or replaced with different kind)			
\$15.00 (if fence or wall is being replaced in-kind and in the same location			
\$50.00 (if construction is in the Publ Right-of-way)	ic		
Tree Preservation Plan Fee:			
\$250.00			
Not required for this project			
TOTAL Fees:	Date: 47/15 Staff Signature: Aller The		
Damage Deposit/Performance Bond	Date:		
☐ \$ ☐ Waived by Village Manager	Village Manager Signature:		
<u>L</u>			
For Village Staff use:			
	ement Officer has been created: \[\sum Yes \text{ (Date:)} \]		

Chevy Chase Village

Website Posting Notice for Appeal, Special Permit & Variance Hearings

Case Number: A - 6802				
Hearing Date: 9 15				
By signing below, I acknowledge as the applicant/appellant in the above-referenced case number that all supporting information and documentation for my case will be posted on the Village's website at <www.chevychasevillagemd.gov> for review by the general public.</www.chevychasevillagemd.gov>				
Applicant/Appellant Name: Sydney Bray				
Address: 104 Oxford St. Chary Chase MD 20815				
Telephone: (646) 337 - 8337				
E-mail: Sydney. Wd @ gmail. com Applicant/Appellant Signature: Jyling W. B				
Applicant/Appellant Signature: Jadne W. B				
Agent Name for applicant/appellant (if necessary):				
Telephone:				
Address:				
E-mail:				
Signature of agent:				
Village staff initials: Date:				